



Housing Committee

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 100% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

SB 105 An Act Establishing a Right to Housing

SB 105 would establish a right for every resident in the state to obtain adequate housing. The bill would require municipalities to consider the right to housing and the components established under the bill when "adopting or revising policies, regulations or grant criteria".

CCM appreciates the intent of this bill and understands the importance of its residents obtaining adequate housing within our communities. CCM recently established a Homelessness Prevention Task Force and is an active participant as a member of the Fair Housing Working Group, which places municipalities on the forefront of housing issues.

CCM is committed to developing best practices and coordinated actions municipalities can take to combat homelessness and provide affordable housing. With that being said, the bill as currently drafted is vague and potentially opens the door to burdensome unfunded mandates. CCM would ask the committee to clearly state the responsibilities of the municipality as it relates to the Committee establishing a right to housing.



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